

For Six Month Period Ending DEC 17 2004  
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.  
Belgium Tourist Office 529  
(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant  
220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, suite 3402  
New York, NY 10017

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

- (a) If an individual:
- |                       |                              |                             |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Residence address | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
- (b) If an organization:
- |                          |                              |  |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- (c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (a waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Internal Security Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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- (b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

- (b) Have any employee or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
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- (c) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

## II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

*Name of foreign principal*

*Date of termination*

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish following information:

*Name and address of foreign principal*

*Date acquired*

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Belgian Tourist office  
Areyberg straat, 13  
Bawssels, B-1000  
Belgium

10. EXHIBITS A AND B

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup>Yes ☐No ☐Exhibit B<sup>4</sup>Yes ☐No ☐

N/A

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits?

Yes ☐No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

## III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

The Belgian Tourist office in New York, NY promotes travel to Belgium to individuals. We talk to trade Representatives who cover Belgium + Europe. In the press as well as travel agents on behalf of the Belgian Tourist office in Belgium

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places, of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

<sup>5</sup> The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government, a foreign country or a foreign political party.

## IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## 14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies<sup>6</sup>

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
6/25/04	Belgian Tourist office	operational expenses	\$ 102,400.00
7/19/04			\$ 70,000.00
8/5/04			\$ 90,000.00
9/16/04			\$ 190,543.00
10/26/04			\$ 73,871.00
11/23/04			\$ 71,800.00
Total			\$ 598,614.00

## (b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

## (c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

## 15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
June 18, 2004 - Dec 17, 2004	Staff	Salaries	\$ 298,431.19
	Various vendors	Admin/Office	\$ 189,525.49
	Various vendors	Public Rel/Track	\$ 168,639.61

\$656,596.49

Total

(b) **DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
June 18, 2004 to Dec 17, 2004	Staff	Salaries		\$ 298,431. <sup>19</sup>
	Various vendors	Admin/office		\$ 189,525. <sup>69</sup>
	Various vendors	public relation/ marketing		\$ 168,639. <sup>61</sup>

(c) **DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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10. 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

## V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials<sup>12</sup>?  
 Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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 Brussels, B-1000 Belgium.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

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 Brussels, B-1000 Belgium.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or TV broadcasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine or newspaper articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion picture films            | <input type="checkbox"/> Letters or telegrams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising campaigns  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Press releases      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pamphlets or other publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures or speeches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____          |  |   |

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Officials      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers        | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislators           | <input type="checkbox"/> Editors                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies   | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations | <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |   |   |

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

☒ English ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes ☒ No ☐

<sup>12</sup> The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.



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**VI--EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

1/25/2009  

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(Type or print name under each signature<sup>13</sup>)F. Raeymaekers  

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FREDERIQUE RAEYMAEKERS  

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<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT  
CRIMINAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

**NOTICE**

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials - page 8 of Form CRM-154, formerly Form OBD-64-Supplemental Statement):

YES ✓ or NO                     

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES ✓ or NO                     

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

F. Raeymaekers  
Signature

1/25/2005  
Date

FREDERIQUE RAEYMAEKERS  
Please type or print name of  
signatory on the line above

DIRECTOR N/A  
Title

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT  
SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT - PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List For Registrant: Belgian National Tourist Office

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Raeymaekers	Frederique	5/23/77		

SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principal(s) who have not as yet filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity. If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to us describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.)

Name	Function	Date Hired

Signature: F. Laoprasitth  
Title: Director Belgian Tourist Office

Date: 1/25/2005

# ATTACHEMENT

## Press Releases

June 17, 2004 - December 17, 2004

Item


Date

Relax in Spa

Sep-04

The Hague School of Painting

Nov-04



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For immediate release  
September, 2004

## Fall NewsFlash

### Relax in Spa

Now is the time to see this striking new complex that replaces the historic baths. In a sylvan setting, it stands almost 250 feet above the town of Spa, being built on a hill. Access is by a funicular railway, one of whose cars is reserved exclusively for guests of the Radisson SAS Palace Hotel.

For eight centuries the town of Spa, which has subsequently given its name to all similar health resorts in the English-speaking world, has been renowned for its healing waters. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century the European nobility began flocking to Spa. Monarchs and statesmen such as Henry III of France, Queen Christina of Sweden, Russia's Peter the Great, Disraeli and Austrian Emperor Joseph II (who called Spa the café of Europe) added to its fame. Today's visitors come to Spa for a holiday or to seek a cure in the therapeutic waters.

To serve this contemporary clientele the new Baths of Spa offer visitors a wide choice of thermal cures as well as several opportunities for leisure. The centre is open not only to those taking a cure but also to daytime visitors who would like to sample the various treatments. Besides bathing or swimming, a Turkish bath, a sauna, fitness rooms or a relaxing Jacuzzi is available.

The biggest innovation is the thermal playground, Les Bains, which visitors can ~~try~~ out. About 950 square yards of indoor and outdoor pools are fitted with multiple ways for water to supply hydro massage. Spouts, geysers, seats with bubbles, hot-water couches, provide a special experience at Les Bains. For more information visit the website of Themes de Spa at: [www.thermesdespa.com](http://www.thermesdespa.com)

Inseparable of the town of Spa is the mineral water company Spa-Monopole. The company invites visitors to discover The Spa Museum which illustrates the history of the springs, the celebrities who visited Spa and the drinking water company itself. Check the website [www.spa.be](http://www.spa.be) for details.

Although Spa's fame was founded on its healing waters, the town is located in one of the most enchanting spots of the Belgian Ardennes, at the foot of a plateau encircled by richly wooded hills.

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[www.visitbelgium.com](http://www.visitbelgium.com)

Spa is a good place to stay for visitors wishing to explore the eastern Ardennes, the Fagnes or the Valleys of the Ambleve or Ourthe rivers. For a guide to Spa and the surrounding area contact the Belgian Tourist Office: [info@visitbelgium.com](mailto:info@visitbelgium.com)

And the name Spa-Francorchamps without doubt evokes memories of great events in motor sports. Every year in the month of August enthusiasts gather for the annual competition for the Belgian Formula One Grand Prix race. For more information on this international event: [www.thegrandprixclub.com](http://www.thegrandprixclub.com)

### **Opening of the Radisson SAS Palace Hotel in Spa**

The new Radisson SAS Palace Hotel is located in the centre of Spa, opposite the casino. It has 120 bedrooms, of which three are anti-allergic. Five are 'junior' suites, three are 'corner' suites and one is the Palace Suite. The hotel can also offer more than 1,488 square feet of area for meetings.

There are several ways to relax at Spa. Not only does the wellness centre of the hotel have its own fitness room, complete with Nordic sauna and Turkish baths, but there is also a free ride via a private funicular railway to the town's brand-new spa complex. There, you can benefit as you will from the open spaces and the healthy watering as well as from conventional or individual cures.

Enjoy a drink in the cozy bar before dining in the grill-room "Les Saisons de Spa" or in the restaurant, named "O2 – Source d'Oxygène », where you can enjoy Spa's own cuisine that includes both regional recipes and international dishes.

The town of Spa is also well-known for its casino and the legendary racing-track of Spa-Francorchamps. For reservations and information : [www.radissonsas.com](http://www.radissonsas.com)

### **International Antiques Fair in Bruges**

The dates are set for the International Fine Art & Antiques Fair. From October 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup> this annual fair will take place in the medieval halls under the belfry of Bruges. The Antiques Fair enjoys international recognition and is the Autumn rendezvous for collectors, investors and art dealers.

Paintings covering the late Middle Ages, the Romantic and Impressionist Movements will be represented as well as the works of painters from all over the world.

The timing of the event, middle of Autumn, is ideal. Romantic Bruges is at its best, recalling the Middle Ages when the city was one of the most prominent art centers in Europe. Memling, Van Eyck, David and many others painted some of their most beautiful paintings here.

The fair is open daily from 2 pm to 8 pm. The entrance fee is 9 EUR. For more formation call (3250) 35-4007 or fax : (3250) 37-0587. Website: [www.publigil.be/brugge](http://www.publigil.be/brugge)

## **The Last Post at Ieper on 11 November and Every Day**

The numbers are almost impossible to comprehend, but more than 400,000 allied servicemen lost their lives in the countryside surrounding Ieper during the Great War. Whilst these events happened almost a century ago, the city of Ieper has ensured that the sacrifice made by so many has not been forgotten in the mist of time.

The Menin Gate and the Memorial to the Missing stand as a permanent reminder of the atrocities of war. The Last Post at the Menin Gate was first sounded in 1928 and the ceremony has taken place every night since then, with the exception of the period under German occupation in World War II. Volunteer buglers from the local Ieper fire brigade perform the ritual come rain or shine and the Last Post Association funded entirely by voluntary donations has confirmed its intention to continue the Last Post Ceremony "in perpetuity".

Armistice Day is celebrated throughout Belgium but nowhere as poignantly as in Ieper. Many visitors are expected to come to the city on November 11 including a few of the surviving WW1 veterans.

For further details contact: Toerisme Ieper at [toerisme@ieper.be](mailto:toerisme@ieper.be) or visit their website at [www.ieper.be](http://www.ieper.be)

## **Three Day Fashion Designers Trail – October 29 through 31, 2004**

Explore Brussels via its fashion. In addition to exploring the city, visitors can discover the latest from the designers of high fashion, pret-a-porter, leather goods, jewellery, hats and accessories.

The "Parcours de Stylistes" is a quirky event organized every two years by Modo Bruxellae. The fashion trail brings top designers and their collections, famous brands and the creative output of schools and young talent to the town's exclusive boutiques and unusual locations such as art galleries, theatres and restaurants just to name a few.

The starting point is at the Centre d'Entreprise Dansaert at 7-11 rue d'Alost. The varied locations are outlined on a map, widely available during the big three days which fall, this year, on the last weekend of October. All the venues are centrally located and a short walk from the Brussels Stock Exchange.

The boutiques and featured shops of the most sought-after designers such as Ann Demeulemeester, Oliver Strelli, Kaat Tilley and Dries Van Noten take you from the rue Dansaert to the Galeries Saint-Hubert, a truly beautiful arcade, ideal for shopping or for a coffee served with Belgian chocolate.

During the event, a professional jury awards the Modo Bruxellae Prize for young designers and members of the general public can vote for the best installation.

Taking place every two years the Fashion Trail opens October 29 through October 31, 2004. For more information: [modobruuxellae@skynet.be](mailto:modobruuxellae@skynet.be)



## **International Film Festival of Flanders - October 5 through 16, 2004**

During twelve exciting days Ghent will be hosting the International Film Festival of Flanders. Hundred fifty feature films and more than eighty short films will compete in the annual competition. This year the theme of the competition is "The impact of music on films". Visit Ghent for the best of what the international film market has to offer.

The festival also includes a whole range of fringe activities and entertainment, talk shows as well as the presentation of the World Soundtrack Awards.

For more information: [www.filmfestival.be](http://www.filmfestival.be)

## **New Hilton Brussels City offers special winter rate**

The new Hilton Brussels City is a place of intimacy, relaxation, business and pleasure. The Scandinavian atmosphere is warm (all rooms with wooden floor) and, thanks to the friendly and efficient team, business and leisure travellers feel at home here. The hotel is located at walking distance from the north station, the Grand' Place and historic downtown Brussels.

From November 19<sup>th</sup> 2004 through February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 the hotel offers a 99 Euro rate for their regular rooms and a 134 Euro rate for their De Luxe rooms. Rates are per room, per night and include Hilton breakfast and all taxes. Guests have also free access to the relaxation centre. The offer is available 7 days a week subject to availability. A 2-night minimum stay is required and reservations must be made at least 3 days prior to arrival. A 48 hours cancellation policy is in effect.

For reservation: visit the website of the hotel [www.brussels-city.hilton.com](http://www.brussels-city.hilton.com) or email to [Res\\_BrusselsCity@hilton.com](mailto:Res_BrusselsCity@hilton.com). The hotel can be reached by phone at 011322/274 24 61 or via fax at 011322/274 24 71

## **Adventures awaiting families just 16 miles outside of Brussels**

If you are a lover of nature and keen on sports, why not come to Wavre for the brand-new "Aventure Park" laid out less than 16 miles from Brussels. Between earth and sky, your adventurous spirit will take wing across one of four courses of acrobatics from tree to tree. And although it gets more and more difficult, the tree-route is totally safe.

There are Tyrolean climbs ... giant's steps ... monkey-bridges ... swinging loops ... suspended barrels ... and much more. Experience the full sensation inside the exceptional framework of the park at Beumont, with its trees that have been there for centuries, and a park made even more beautiful by the glistening colors of azaleas and rhododendrons.

Details: There are 74 games spread over nine acres. One course is for children of 8 years or more; three courses are for adults. Access is open to all the courses without time limit. Qualified staff provides continuous supervision. Technical equipment such as overalls, harnesses, ropes and pulleys is available. .

"Aventure Park" opened in April of 2004. Website: [www.aventureparc.be](http://www.aventureparc.be)



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November, 2004

### **THE HAGUE SCHOOL OF PAINTING AND THE YOUNG VAN GOGH**

The Municipality Museum of Den Haag presents in the Brussels Town Hall The Hague School of painting and the work of one of its most eminent artists that set the tone in the Netherlands from 1870 and 1900. Landscapes, genre paintings and portraits plunge visitors into depictions revealing the poetry of a pure and serene daily existence.

The scene is set by contemporaries such as Israels, the Maris brothers, Mauve, Roelofs, Weissenbruch, Bilders which highlight the Dutch origins of Van Gogh, whereas the freedom of his lines preclude later, modern styles.

The exhibition is held at the Brussels Town Hall - Grand-Place through January 16, 2005  
Open every day except Tuesday from 10 am to 5 pm Entrance: 6 €, free for children under the age of 12

### **NEW HILTON BRUSSELS CITY OFFERS SPECIAL WINTER RATE**

Starting November 19<sup>th</sup> the new Hilton Brussels City offers a special winter rate of 99 Euro for a Hilton guest room and 134 Euro for a deluxe room. Rates apply single or double occupancy and are per room, per night including breakfast and all taxes. Guests have access to Relaxation center free of charge. Rates are subject to availability and a 2 night minimum stay is required. Bookings must be made at least 3 days prior to arrival and a cancellation policy of 48 hours is in effect. The winter rate is available through February 27, 2005.

The new Hilton Brussels City is a place of intimacy, relaxation, business and pleasure. The Scandinavian atmosphere is warm, all rooms have wooden floors and, thanks to the friendly and efficient team, business and leisure travelers will feel at home.

More information and reservations visit: [www.brussels-city.hilton.com](http://www.brussels-city.hilton.com)

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## **BRUSSELS CHRISTMAS MARKET TO OPEN DECEMBER 3, 2004**

Brussels will hold its annual European Christmas market on the Place St. Catherine, from December 3, 2004 through January 2, 2005. An array of products will be available in a warm and friendly atmosphere. This market with its cheerful lights, delicious aromas and a vast number of stalls promises a true holiday atmosphere. In addition to the Christmas Market the ice-skating ring offers fun for all. This year for the first time a separate small skating ring invites toddlers to enjoy this wonderful winter sport too. And the holiday atmosphere would not be complete without a visit to the Grand'Place decorated in festive lights for the occasion.

For more information: [www.plaisirdhiver.be](http://www.plaisirdhiver.be)

## **TATU - TATTOO AT THE ROYAL MUSEUMS OF ART AND HISTORY**

Just like a kaleidoscope, the "Tatu-Tattoo" exhibition will highlight twelve key themes that demonstrate the extraordinary wealth and diversity of this universal art form. Tattoo masterpieces from very different cultures and from major museums and private collections are on display. The impact is primarily visual. It is the first large-scale exhibition of its kind to be organized in Europe.

The Royal Museums of Art and History collectively constitute the largest museum in Belgium. Don't miss this unusual exhibit - Through February 27<sup>th</sup> 2005.

## **WHY IS THE ATOMIUM CLOSED?**

If you haven't already visited the world's nine most famous metal spheres, then you are going to have to be patient, because the Atomium, which has come to symbolize Brussels, will be closed until January 2006. This oversized molecule of crystalline metal (nine atoms enlarged 165 billion times) was built for the 1958 World Fair. The work aims to bring the Atomium back to its original state: with a shining metal skin, just like on its opening day, whilst also adding Perspex windows to provide a view of the outside world. The total cost of the operation is 25 million euros.

There's one surprise: a restaurant serving organic food with a panoramic view will be set in the upper sphere. Make a date for in eighteen months' time. For more information [www.atomium.be](http://www.atomium.be)

## ATTACHMENT

<u>Trade Show</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
MPI	Denver CO	July 25-27, 2004
ITME	Chicago IL	September 28-30, 2004
European Destination Day	Ft Lauderdale, FL	October 13-15, 2004
WTM	London, UK	November 8-11, 2004
EIBTM	Barcelona, Spain	November 30 – December 2, 2004

## ATTACHMENT

### Brochures

June 17, 2004 - December 17, 2004

Item	Quantity
2005 Brussels on the train of Design	1500
2005 Brussels Art Nouveau	1125
2005 Beer	1400
2004 Gent Tourist Guide	1500
2004-2005 Gent Hotels & Restaurants	640
2005 Brussels Trade Kit	500
175 Years of Belgium anniversary	500
2005 Brugges Accomodations	1500
2005 Brussels Press Kit	1000
2004-2005 Best of Brussels	600
Leuven	250